Ban on recruitment in the Railways

3681. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a ban on recruitment in Railways ;

(b) if so, in what manner the Railways are managing the safety areas ; and

(c) whether the ban has affected the filling up of back-log in case of SC/STs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir. However, instructions have been issued in December, 1991 that for the next two years 25% of the direct recruitment vacancies in the categories of Office Clerks in scale Rs. 950-1500 and Senior Clerks in scale Rs. 1200-2040 and 20% in the case of vacancies in the categories of Accounts Clerks in scale Rs. 950-1500 and Junior Accounts Assistants in scale Rs. 1200-2040 should not be filled up in all departments and these should be frozen.

(b) The limited ban as in reply to Part (a) does not apply to safety categories.

(c) This may effect marginally, if at all, only in ministerial categories.

3682. [*Transferred to 27th March*, 1992].

Bombay Urban Transport Project

3683. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the allocation made to Government for suburban Railway part of second Bombay Urban Transport Project (BUTP-II) ; and

(b) what steps Government are aking to complete the suburban Railway Part of (BUTP-II) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Out of the sub-urban railway projects included in BUTP-II, only one project *viz.* 'Additional pair of lines between Bandra and Andheri' has been taken up. Allocation for this project for 1992-93 is Rs. 14 crores and it is expected to be commissioned for traffic during 1993.

Use of Railway land in Bombay for commercial purposes

3684. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the plans of Railways to use the railway land in Bombay for commercial purpose ;

(b) whether the money earned by this commercial exploitation would be used for Bombay only ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The proposal to put the Railway land in Bandra in Bombay to commercial exploitation with a view to generate additional resources for Railways' developmental projects is in an initial stage. This is a pilot project.

(c) Does not arise.

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3685. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उनके मंत्रालय द्वारा संचालित कारखानों, रेल लाइनों, इंजनों, रेल डिब्बों के आधुनिकीकरण पर किये जाने वाले व्यय के ब्यौरे सहित रेलवे के